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Steve Poftak, General Manager



**Fiscal and Management Control Board
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
January 7, 2019
12:00 noon
*MEETING MINUTES***

Present: Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Brian Shortsleeve and Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Stephanie Pollack, General Manager Steve Poftak, David Abdoo, Marie Breen, Owen Kane, Nathan Peyton, Evan Rowe, Samantha Silverberg, Karen Antion, Beth Larkin and Joanna Aalto.

At the call of Chair Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board (Board) was called to order at 12:07 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Chair Aiello opened up the public comment period for items appearing on the agenda.

The first speaker was Louise Baxter from TRU, who commented on bus schedule changes,

Next, Marilyn McNabb commented on paratransit contractors.

Next, Richard Prone, the MBTA Advisory Board member from Duxbury, and Executive Director Paul Regan from the MBTA Advisory Board commented on the reinstated \$10 weekend pass and late night service for South Station commuter rail departures.

Next, Mela Miles, Chair of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition commented on the schedule and fair prices of the Fairmount commuter rail line.

Lastly, Will Justice commented on low income and minority representation on the FMCB.

The public commented concluded at 12:23 p.m.

Next, was the approval of the meeting minutes of December 10 and 17, 2018,

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018.
Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt abstained from voting.

Chairman Aiello welcomed new General Manager Steven Poftak. Directors Tibbits-Nutt and Shortsleeve congratulated their former colleague and offered their continued support.

General Manager Poftak said he was honored to become the General Manager and looked forward to bringing stability and continuity to the role. Mr. Poftak outlined his major priorities: safety for employees and the public; recruitment of talented employees; execution of the MBTA's capital improvement plan; operating performance improvements; and fiscal discipline. In order to achieve the MBTA's capital investment goals and further accelerate project delivery, Mr. Poftak noted he has requested an in-depth review of the T's capital spending plans to be completed within three months. Chair Aiello stressed the need to communicate the commitment of the Commonwealth to a national audience to recruit better and more talent for this work.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Deputy General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville to present Agenda Item E, the Report from the Deputy General Manager. Mr. Gonneville began his presentation by thanking Keolis, the Transit Police and staff from Operations for making the New Year's Eve First Night celebration a successful one. Mr. Gonneville continued to discuss the return of the \$10 weekend commuter rail pilot. Chair Aiello requested a schedule for data collection before submission to the FTA for approval to ensure this pilot became permanent.

Mr. Gonneville continued his report by noting the opening of the North Station underground walkway between the Green/Orange Line and Commuter Rail platform, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “Deputy GM Remarks, January 7, 2019.” Discussion ensued.

Next, the Chair called upon MassDOT’s Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton to present Agenda Item F, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “FMCB Public Schedule, January 7, 2019.” Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello asked Joanna Aalto, Assistant General Manager for Capital Programs to present Agenda Item G, the Capital Program Update. Ms. Aalto’s presentation covered overarching Capital Program goals; a FY19 overview; FY19 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs); FY19 Year to Date Spending and Contract Awards. Discussion ensued.

GM Poftak concluded with a discussion of challenges and opportunities, as set forth in the attached document labeled, “Capital Program Update, January 7, 2019.” The General Manager summarized his initial areas of focus: the status of spending by project; ownership and accountability; capital reporting and analysis; organizational capacity; project planning; and scheduling and diversions. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Karen Antion, Project Manager for the Positive Train Control Program (PTC) to present Agenda Item H, an update on PTC. Ms. Antion updated the Board on the status of current activities and progress. She noted the MBTA's system-wide implementation of Commuter Rail Positive Train Control included the status of FRA approval for an extension to complete PTC system-wide implementation, Revenue Service Demonstration and Extended Revenue Service Demonstration, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Commuter Rail Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update, January 7, 2019." Ms. Antion continued to discuss next steps; budget and funding, noting that PTC was the MBTA's highest priority of the capital investment plan. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Beth Larkin, Assistant General Manager of Capital Delivery to present Agenda Item I, a discussion of the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line Improvements. Ms. Larkin updated the Board of the current status of ongoing capital improvements on the Fairmont Line Corridor, including completion of the new Blue Hill Avenue Station and start of service in February 2019; Uphams Corner Station stairs replacement; maintenance of Right of Way; and implementation of PTC, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Fairmount Line Corridor Improvements, January 7, 2019." Discussion ensued.

Lastly, Chair Aiello called on Director of Revenue Evan Rowe to present Agenda Item J, an update on parking. Mr. Rowe provided a brief recap of the parking policy and the September 2018 pricing change goals and provided the results and

impact on occupancy and revenue. Mr. Rowe conclude with next steps, and noted he was planning a broader demand study for FY19/FY20, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Parking Pricing Update, January 7, 2019." Director Tibbits-Nutt requested a breakdown of capacity and occupancy in individual garages. Discussion ensued.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

Chair Aiello	Yes
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Director Shortsleeve	Yes
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Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
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VOTED: to enter into Executive Session for a discussion of strategy related to real estate at 1:40 p.m.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

Minutes of December 10 2018
Minutes of December 17, 2018
DGM Remarks, January 7, 2019
FMCB Calendar January 7, 2019
Capital Program Update, January 7, 2019
Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update January 7, 2019
Fairmount Line Corridor Improvements, January 7, 2019
Parking Pricing Update, January 7, 2019